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Panel To Watch CIA Activity Urged by Solon

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WASHINGTON—Rep. Albert Thomas of Houston has proposed creation of a congressional "watch-dog" group to supervise our ultra-secret Central Intelligence Agency in the wake of the abortive Cuban revolution.

"The great trouble with the CIA is that it is a 'touch-me-not' agency," Thomas asserted. "You just can't give human beings that much authority."

Thomas said the CIA has complete freedom to act as "judge, jury and John Q. Public" over all its activities.

The congressman made these comments as reports circulated in Washington that President Kennedy committed the United States to back the revolution on the basis of an intelligence estimate by the CIA which was convinced that Cuba was ripe for revolt.

Several years ago Thomas made similar suggestions but nothing came of it.

He said he believes a group such as the joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, which supervises activities of the Atomic Energy Commission, should be established to watch over CIA.

Congress, as matters stand, has practically no knowledge of what the CIA does despite the fact it employs some 10,000 persons here and abroad and has a budget estimated at close to \$1 billion.

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